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*81 Publications Found in 2014**Added December 19, 2014*Type: **Monograph****Regionalizing East Mediterranean Gas: Energy Security, Stability, and the U.S. Role**

Authored by Dr. Mohammed El-Katiri, Ms. Laura El-Katiri.

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The tremendous economic and geostrategic significance of the East Mediterranean's newly discovered and potential future hydrocarbon resources also holds the potential for new grounds for conflict. The significance of these discoveries to the geopolitics of the East Mediterranean and Middle East Regions as well as potential U.S. strategic responses to these unfolding challenges is examined.

*Added December 15, 2014*Type: **Letort Papers****Operationalizing Counter Threat Finance Strategies**

Authored by Dr. Shima D. Keene.

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Counter Threat Finance strategies have the potential to be a multifaceted weapon both for the purpose of gathering intelligence and for direct action. This Paper highlights ways in which Counter Threat Finance strategies can be applied not only to effectively disrupt adversary activity, but also to stabilize local economies for the purpose of capturing hearts and minds, as well as to serve in advance as indicators and warnings of impending instability.

*Added December 12, 2014*Type: **Student (Carlisle) Papers****Government Contracting Should be a Core Competence for U.S. Military Personnel**

Authored by Professor Katherine E. White.

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The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan mark an era of unprecedented outsourcing in contingency operations—in some cases leading to significant waste, fraud, and abuse. The author addresses the steps the U.S. military should take to make government contracting a core competency for both its civilian and military personnel.

*Added December 11, 2014*Type: **Article****What the President's ISIL Strategy Means to the Army**

Authored by Lieutenant Colonel Michael A. Adelberg.

*Added December 10, 2014*Type: **Article****Strategic Insights: The Landpower Robot Revolution Is Coming**

Authored by Dr. Steven Metz.

*Added December 08, 2014*Type: **Article**

Strategic Insights: The Strategic Relevance of Latin America for the United States

Authored by Dr. R. Evan Ellis.

Added December 05, 2014

Type: **Book**

American Grand Strategy and the Future of U.S. Landpower

Edited by Major Joseph V. Da Silva, Dr. Hugh P. Liebert, Professor Isaiah Wilson, III.

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As the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq wane, an era of budget austerity emerges and the U.S. strategic focus shifts toward the Pacific, what role should LandPower play in American grand strategy? This volume offers an authoritative set of responses to this question from leading experts in international relations and security studies.

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Type: **Monograph**

Re-examining the Roles of Landpower in the 21st Century and Their Implications

Authored by Dr. William T. Johnsen.

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Despite over a decade of predominantly land warfare, American policymakers are unsure about the future relevance and utility of Landpower. An increasingly uncertain and ambiguous international security environment, combined with the complexities of modern warfare argues for greater clarification of what Landpower means in 21st century terms.

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Type: **Monograph**

Central Asia's Shrinking Connectivity Gap: Implications for U.S. Strategy

Authored by Roman Muzalevsky.

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The U.S. global and regional role and capabilities will depend on how well it adjusts its grand strategy in response to current and projected trends in the era of rising powers. In this context, the rise of China, India, and the resurgence of Russia—all capable of challenging regional orders—calls for an engaged, long-term, and concerted U.S. global and regional strategy in Central Asia—the area that figures increasingly prominent in the grand strategies of the rising powers.

Added November 19, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Creating an Effective Regional Alignment Strategy for the U.S. Army

Authored by Major Raven Bukowski, Major John Childress, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Michael J. Colarusso, Lieutenant Colonel David S. Lyle.

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Despite talk about regional alignment, the Army has taken few concrete steps to prepare for this dramatic change. While enormous in its implications, the Army's current regional alignment plan seems to be little more than directing units to "focus regionally" and aligning them with the appropriate combatant command.

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Tribal Militias: An Effective Tool to Counter Al-Qaida and Its Affiliates?

Authored by Dr. Norman Cigar.

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Since many of the societies in which Al-Qaida, its affiliates, and offshoots operate have a significant tribal component, tribally-based militias may be a critical tool in fighting against Al-Qaida, because such militias can provide a cost-effective mechanism and serve as a force multiplier for U.S. Landpower. However, tribal militias are no panacea, but can be a two-edged sword and, like any weapon, has to be understood and wielded with caution and skill in

order to avoid unintended consequences.

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The Role of Leadership in Transitional States: The Cases of Lebanon, Israel-Palestine

Authored by Dr. Anastasia Filippidou.

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Asymmetric leadership of radical organizations: necessary for the transition to stability, but also part of the problem.

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Type: **Book**

Stepping Up: Burden Sharing by NATO's Newest Members

Authored by Dr. Joel R. Hillison.

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The burden sharing behavior of new NATO members is compared to that of old NATO members. Are new NATO members burden sharing at a greater rate than older NATO members?

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Type: **Book**

Nuclear Weapons Materials Gone Missing: What Does History Teach?

Edited by Mr. Henry D. Sokolski.

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Ever since President Obama spotlighted nuclear terrorism as one of the top threats to international security, guarding and disposing of nuclear weapons-useable materials have become top international priorities.

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Strategic Landpower Task Force: Strategic Landpower in U.S. Conduct Of Modern Warfare

Authored by Cadet Hamad Agha, Cadet Christopher Dante, Cadet Gregory Rice, Cadet Kord Roberts, Cadet Jackson Turner.

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Type: **Article**

Strategic Insights: Can the EU Declare Energy Independence From Russia?

Authored by 2LT Scott Cowman.

Added October 28, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Maneuvering the Islamist-Secularist Divide in the Arab World: How the United States Can Preserve its Interests and Values in an Increasingly Polarized Environment

Authored by Gregory Aftandilian.

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This monograph explores the growing Islamist-secularist divide in Arab countries, particularly in Egypt and Tunisia, which has polarized such societies and often led to zero-sum politics. It offers recommendations for U.S. policymakers to maneuver through this divide while preserving U.S. interests and values.

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Type: **Monograph**

U.S. Policy and Strategy Toward Afghanistan after 2014

Authored by Dr. Larry P. Goodson, Prof. Thomas H. Johnson.

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What should the United States do about Afghanistan? After nearly 13 years and substantial U.S. national commitment, much has changed in Afghanistan, the United States, Afghanistan's region, and the globe. This monograph answers six key questions for U.S. leaders regarding preparation of policy and strategy recommendations on Afghanistan.

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Strategic Insights: Should General Dempsey Resign? Army Professionals and the Moral Space for Military Dissent

Authored by Dr. Don M. Snider.

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Strategic Insights: Should China Be Given the Benefit of the Doubt?

Authored by Dr. David Lai.

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Type: **Monograph**

Distinguishing Acts of War in Cyberspace: Assessment Criteria, Policy Considerations, and Response Implications

Authored by Jeffery L. Caton.

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Currently, there is no internationally accepted definition of when hostile actions in cyberspace are recognized as attacks, let alone acts of war. Although many of the challenges associated with this conundrum are common with those of the traditional domains (land, sea, and air), how should senior policymakers and decisionmakers address the unique vexations related to the complex and dynamic character of conflict in the cyberspace domain?

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Strategic Insights: The U.S. Foray Into The Levant

Authored by Dr. Sami G. Hajjar.

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Type: **Monograph**

United States-Gulf Cooperation Council Security Cooperation in a Multipolar World

Authored by Dr. Mohammed El-Katiri.

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Military and security cooperation with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states is of continuing importance for the United States given the region's pivotal location in the Middle East and proximity to Iran. This monograph examines recent developments in the political and economic dynamics in GCC countries and their neighbors, and the potential implications for this cooperation.

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Strategic Insights: The Dragon in the Tropics: China's Military Expansion into the Western Hemisphere

Authored by Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz.

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Colloquium Brief: CBRNe: The Ongoing Challenge - Kingston Conference On International Security

Authored by Dr. Robert J. Bunker.

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Strategic Insights: America's Strategic Debate - And Why It Matters To The Army

Authored by Dr. Steven Metz.

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Type: **Book**

A History of the U.S. Army Officer Corps, 1900-1990

Authored by Dr. Arthur T. Coumbe.

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The Army's Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis published a series of monographs during 2009 and 2010 intended to provide a theoretical and conceptual framework for an Army Officer Corps Strategy. The present volume supplements that effort, providing an overview of some key developments and assumptions that have guided and shaped the officer corps and the way it has been managed over the last century.

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Type: **Monograph**

After the Spring: Reforming Arab Armies

Authored by Dr. Florence Gaub.

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The Arab Spring has returned Arab military forces and their necessity for reform to the forefront. Outside actors, such as the United States, are now asked to rethink their security assistance in broader terms, shifting toward comprehensive security sector reform. As several countries are facing large-scale security implosion, terrorism, politicization of the military and protracted instability, the time for reform was never more imminent than now.

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Turkey's New Regional Security Role: Implications for the United States

Authored by Dr. Richard Weitz.

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Why is a partnership between Turkey and the United States important? What must be done to create and keep a partnership that is advantageous to both countries?

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Strategic Insights: The Ukraine Crises and the Emerging Sino-Russian Political Alliance

Authored by Bin Yu, Ph.D..

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Political and Socio-Economic Change: Revolutions and Their Implications for the U.S. Military

Edited by Dr. John R. Deni.

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Managing change in the international security environment—whether revolutionary or evolutionary in nature—is never an uncomplicated task. The authors address the military implications of political and social change in the Middle East, North Africa, and Latin America.

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The U.S.-India Relationship: Cross-Sector Collaboration To Promote Sustainable Development

Edited by Dr. Michael J. Fratantuono, Dr. David M. Sarcone, John D. Colwell, Jr.

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Within the context of the U.S.-India Strategic Relationship and in light of the vital national interests shared by both countries, what factors will contribute to the success of cross-sector collaborative initiatives intended to address challenges associated with sustainable development? What implications do those insights have for strategic leaders in different sectors?

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**A New Type of Great Power Relationship between the United States and China:
The Military Dimension**

Authored by Professor Geoffrey Till.

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President Xi Jinping's recent suggestion that a newly empowered China and the United States adopt a relationship that is new and different from previous relations between the great powers provides an ideal opportunity for the United States to consider its strategic options in the region.

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Type: **Article**

Colloquium Brief: The Chinese People's Liberation Army in 2025

Authored by Mr. R. Lincoln Hines.

Added August 26, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Russia and the Caspian Sea: Projecting Power or Competing for Influence?

Authored by Dr. Tracey German.

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A clear understanding of Russian strategic thinking and threat perception concerning the Caspian Sea is vital in order to facilitate effective U.S. policy in the wider Caucasus and Central Asian region.

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Type: **Article**

Iran's Emergence as a Cyber Power

Authored by LTC Eric K. Shafa.

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Type: **Book**

Strategic Retrenchment and Renewal in the American Experience

Edited by Dr. Peter Feaver.

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Amid fiscal austerity and international crisis, should the United States seek to renew its global leadership, or retrench its geopolitical commitments? This volume brings historical and theoretical insights to bear on that question through a series of essays that examine the current debate as well as past episodes in which American leaders were confronted with similar choices.

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Military Power, The Core Tasks Of A Prudent Strategy, And The Army We Need

Authored by Brigadier General (Ret.) Huba Wass de Czege.

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Type: **Monograph**

Strategic Implications of the Evolving Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Authored by Henry Plater-Zyberk, Dr. Andrew Monaghan.

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The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has the potential to obstruct U.S. policy aims in Central Asia, but also to facilitate them. However, both of these potentials are imperfectly understood. This monograph explains the SCO, and its real implications for U.S. policy toward both Central Asia and the SCO's dominant partners, Russia and China.

Added July 25, 2014

Type: **Book**

Visual Propaganda and Extremism in the Online Environment

Authored by Dr. Carol K. Winkler, Dr. Cori E. Dauber.

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Visual images have been a central component of propaganda for as long as propaganda has been produced. Terrorist groups, with very little initial investment, are making videos that are coming so close to the quality of BBC or CNN broadcasts that the difference is meaningless, and with access to the web, they have instantaneous access to a global audience.

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Type: **Monograph**

Revival of Political Islam in the Aftermath of Arab Uprisings: Implications for the Region and Beyond

Authored by Dr. Mohammed El-Katiri.

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The rise to power of Islamist political parties in a number of North African states over the past 3 years has caused widespread concern over the future domestic and foreign policy directions of those states. This monograph explores political change in Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco, and concludes that despite political crises in each country, worst case scenarios have not been borne out and there is hope for optimism.

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Type: **Monograph**

European Missile Defense and Russia

Authored by Keir Giles, Dr. Andrew Monaghan.

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Strong Russian opposition to U.S. plans for ballistic missile defense (BMD) in Europe is likely to intensify further through 2015-16 as Phase III of the European Phased Adaptive Approach is implemented. This monograph examines a number of fundamental reasons—some valid, some spurious—why Russia is alarmed at U.S. BMD plans, and provides recommendations for managing the missile defense dialogue with Russia in the future in order to mitigate potentially damaging responses.

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Op-Ed: Global Leadership — Learning From History

Authored by Professor John F. Troxell.

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Op-Ed: Syria and the Great Middle Eastern War

Authored by Dr. Larry P. Goodson.

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Type: **Monograph**

Russia's Contribution as a Partner in the War on Terrorism

Authored by Henry Plater-Zyberk.

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Russia and the United States have a common interest in fighting the threat of Islamist

terrorism. In practice, however, efforts to achieve cooperation in this area have been hampered by differing concepts of terror and how to counter it, and institutional and procedural incompatibility between the two nations. This monograph explores counter-terrorism from a Russian viewpoint, in order to assess prospects for meaningful practical cooperation in this field with the United States.

Added June 26, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Democratization and Instability in Ukraine, Georgia, and Belarus

Authored by Dr. Robert Nalbandov.

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Ukraine, Georgia, and Belarus have remarkable variance and incongruence between their levels of democratization, political stability, and economic development. This monograph by Dr. Robert Nalbandov explains the reasons for the different indicators in the three categories and explains the successes and failures of the democratization efforts in three post-Soviet countries.

Added June 24, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

The Paracel Islands and U.S. Interests and Approaches in the South China Sea

Authored by Lieutenant Colonel Clarence J. Bouchat (USAF, Ret.).

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Learn how the Paracel Islands disputes act as a primer about the South China Sea conflicts and U.S., Vietnamese, and Chinese relations in the region. This analysis may help the reader better understand these disputes, and how the United States may address them.

Added June 19, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Operational Reservations: Considerations for a Total Army Force

Authored by COL John D. Ellis, COL (Ret.) Laura McKnight Mackenzie.

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Despite fighting shoulder-to-shoulder this past decade, the U.S. Army is comprised of essentially “three Armies”—the active component, the Army Reserve, and the National Guard. While an intriguing start to integrate the three components, the Army Total Force Policy is not a panacea for reform. Real and meaningful work still needs to be done to bring the three into effective alignment and in a way to foster cooperation and mutual respect.

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Type: **Article**

Academic Engagement Notes: 2014 International Studies Association (ISA)

Annual Convention

Authored by Dr. John R. Deni, Dr. Robert J. Bunker.

Added June 17, 2014

Type: **Book**

Moving Beyond Pretense: Nuclear Power and Nonproliferation

Edited by Mr. Henry D. Sokolski.

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The further proliferation and possible use of nuclear weapons are among the very greatest threats to U.S. and international security, yet most governments and industry officials downplay the risks of civilian nuclear technology and materials being diverted to make bombs. They use this optimistic assessment in formulating U.S. and international nuclear trade and nonproliferation policies. This volume taps the insights and analyses of 13 top nuclear and security experts to weigh the validity of their narrative. The result is a comprehensive counternarrative that recommends a significant tightening of current nonproliferation controls.

Added June 17, 2014

Type: **Other**

2014-15 Key Strategic Issues List

Edited by Professor John F. Troxell.

For several years, the Strategic Studies Institute (SSI) has annually published the Key Strategic Issues List (KSIL). The purpose of this document is to make students and other researchers aware of strategic topics that are of special interest to the U.S. Army. Part I of KSIL is entitled "Army Priorities for Strategic Analysis" (APSA) and is a list of high-priority topics organized to support the Army's five strategic objectives as identified in the "2014 Army Strategic Planning Guidance." Students and researchers are encouraged to get in touch with the topic sponsors listed in the document. Thorough research and solid arguments on these topics are extremely important to the Army in this period of transition and geopolitical uncertainty. On August 13, Part II entitled "Command Sponsored Research Topics" was released. Part II includes topics of critical importance to various joint commands, and major commands and other organizations within the Army. Make sure to bookmark this link to stay up to date on any changes as other parts and updates will be releasing soon.

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Type: **Letort Papers**

Countering Radicalization and Recruitment to Al-Qaeda: Fighting the War of Deeds

Authored by Dr. Paul Kamolnick.

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Fighting the War of Deeds begins by taking deeds seriously—deadly serious—as action, policy, and communication. As communication, deeds furnish the U.S. Government a uniquely potent means for countering al-Qaeda's terrorist propaganda effectively, and also building longer-term alliances based on mutuality with the Arab and Muslim world.

Added June 13, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

The Growing Complexity of Sino-Indian Ties

Authored by Dr. Harsh V. Pant.

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This monograph examines the evolution on Sino-India ties over the last few decades and the constraints that continue to inhibit this relationship from achieving its full potential before delineating the implications of this for the United States and the wider international system.

Added June 13, 2014

Type: **Other**

Memorandum for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Secure Balance and Flexibility In Future Joint Forces

Authored by Mr. Nathan P. Freier.

The 25th Annual U.S. Army War College Strategy Conference "Balancing the Joint Force to Meet Future Security Challenges" occurred against the backdrop of a complicated decision making environment. It sought establish a context for future military decision making based on two foundational questions: what are the most important military demands facing U.S./partner forces through the next decade and how should they think about confronting them? The author endeavors to describe the context that emerged here.

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Type: **Article**

Op-Ed: Toward an Army Story: It's Not The "People" Part, It's the "Land" Part

Authored by Mr. Nathan P. Freier.

Added June 11, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Cyberterrorism after STUXNET

Authored by Dr. Thomas M. Chen.

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This monograph examines the threat of cyberterrorism before and after STUXNET by addressing questions of motive, means, and opportunity. STUXNET has not changed the near-term likelihood of cyberterrorism, which remains low, but has implications for the cost-benefit weights of future attacks.

Added June 03, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

The Future of American Landpower: Does Forward Presence Still Matter? The Case of the Army in the Pacific

Authored by Dr. John R. Deni.

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The U.S. Army's forward presence in the Pacific theater is long overdue for reconsideration and reconceptualization. Without unduly harming America's commitment to deterrence on the Korean peninsula, the Army forward presence could be reshaped and reconfigured to enable the United States to more effectively and more efficiently achieve its objectives across the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Added May 23, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

Islamism and Security in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Authored by Leslie S. Lebl.

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Bosnia-Herzegovina, once thought to be on the way to joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European Union (EU), is instead falling behind, mired in political bickering, economic stalemate and governmental dysfunction. In this difficult situation, Islamism poses a significant threat to Bosnia's fragile domestic stability.

Added May 16, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

From War to Deterrence? Israel-Hezbollah Conflict Since 2006

Authored by Dr. Jean-Loup Samaan.

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Over the last 7 years, the border between Israel and Lebanon has remained quiet. Against all odds, in a Middle East experiencing tremendous challenges, Israel and Hezbollah did not trigger a new conflict. Here is the paradox of stability between these two foes which is at the origin of this monograph.

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Type: **Monograph**

Soldiers of Misfortune?

Authored by Dr. Thomas R. Mockaitis.

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What roles have security contractors played in missions in Iraq and Afghanistan?

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Type: **Article**

Op-Ed: Changing the Army's Culture of Cultural Change

Authored by Dr. Leonard Wong.

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Type: **Monograph**

The Resurgence of Al-Qaeda in Syria and Iraq

Authored by Dr. Azeem Ibrahim.

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The Syrian civil war has allowed al-Qaeda to recover from its setbacks up to 2010. Syria has

also seen a civil war between two al-Qaeda inspired factions (Al Nusrah and the Iraq based Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) and indicates there are limits to its ability to cooperate with other anti-Assad factions and gain popular appeal.

Added May 05, 2014

Type: **Article**

What Will Happen to Syria's Christians?

Authored by Dr. W. Andrew Terrill.

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Type: **Letort Papers**

Russian Military Transformation - Goal In Sight?

Authored by Keir Giles, Dr. Andrew Monaghan.

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This Letort Paper assesses the range of options available to Russia for closing the capability gap with the United States and its allies, the authors review a flawed political perception of the key threats facing Russia and the challenges facing Russia's military transformation.

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Type: **Monograph**

Russia After Putin

Authored by Dr. Richard J. Krickus.

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This monograph addresses the question: "What next after Putin?" The answer will have a profound impact on U.S.-Russian relations—in particular, the capacity to forge a security relationship. The campaign to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons indicates that a new "reset" is in the making.

Added April 30, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

A Soldier's Morality, Religion, and Our Professional Ethic: Does the Army's Culture Facilitate Integration, Character Development, and Trust in the Profession?

Authored by Dr. Don M. Snider, COL (USA Ret) Alexander P. Shine.

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Are the Stewards of the Army Profession developing a culture that fosters the necessary integration of Soldiers' personal moralities with the Profession's Ethic? The authors suggest that they are not.

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Type: **Monograph**

The Evolution of Los Zetas in Mexico and Central America: Sadism as an Instrument of Cartel Warfare

Authored by Dr. George W. Grayson.

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Few cartel leaders acquire fame for culinary skills. However, Miguel Ángel "El 40" Treviño Morales, the sadistic erstwhile chief of Los Zetas, became skilled in preparing "el guiso" (the stew). His recipe is simple. After torturing a victim, even an infant, he plunged him into a 55-gallon pig cooker, doused him with gasoline, and set him on fire.

Added April 24, 2014

Type: **Article**

Op-Ed: The POST "Post Cold War" Era in Europe

Authored by Dr. Jeffrey D. McCausland.

Added April 22, 2014

Type: **Book**

Assessing the People's Liberation Army in the Hu Jintao Era

Edited by Mr. Roy Kamphausen, Dr. David Lai, Mr. Travis Tanner.

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How has President Hu Jintao contributed to China's military modernization?

*Added April 16, 2014*Type: **Monograph****Augmenting Our Influence: Alliance Revitalization and Partner Development**

Edited by Dr. John R. Deni.

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The role of allies and partners in the future of American Landpower is discussed.

*Added March 31, 2014*Type: **Monograph****Russia's Counterinsurgency in North Caucasus: Performance and Consequences**

Authored by Dr. Ariel Cohen.

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Understanding the conflict in North Caucasus may be the key to understanding the future of the post-communist Russian state and its interaction with Islam, as well as regional mountainous insurgencies. The region's turbulent past and present make it a potential source of future waves of instability both within Russia and abroad—especially if the Kremlin and the Russian and local elites fail to deal with accumulating local economic, social, religious, and political pressures.

*Added March 21, 2014*Type: **Article****A Few Questions About China's Air Defense Identification Zone and Its****Aftermath**

Authored by Dr. David Lai.

*Added March 19, 2014*Type: **Monograph****Defense Planning for National Security: Navigation Aids for the Mystery Tour**

Authored by Dr. Colin S. Gray.

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What do we believe we know about the future with sufficient reliability for it to serve as a basis for defense planning? Science and social science are both utterly disarmed by the complete absence of data about the future, from the future.

*Added March 12, 2014*Type: **Monograph****Turkey-Kurdish Regional Government Relations After the U.S. Withdrawal From Iraq: Putting the Kurds on the Map?**

Authored by Bill Park.

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The withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Iraq at the end of 2011 left behind a set of unresolved problems in the relationship between the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), and the Federal Government in Baghdad, compounded by Erbil's subsequent pursuit of an energy relationship with Turkey. This has deepened both Turkish-Iraqi and regional sectarian tensions and, along with developments in Syria, has raised the specter of wider Kurdish self-determination, a prospect that Washington has been slow to recognize.

*Added March 11, 2014*Type: **Article****Op-Ed: Balancing The Joint Force: Defense and Military Challenges Through 2020**

Authored by Dr. John R. Deni.

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Legality in Cyberspace: An Adversary View

Authored by Keir Giles, Dr. Andrew Monaghan.

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The United States and its allies are in general agreement on the legal status of conflict in cyberspace. But other key cyber actors have radically different ideas on key concepts of cyber warfare, including when a state of war exists. This paper explores the Russian approach to legal constraints governing actions in cyberspace, in order to assist in formulating an effective response to Russian cyber initiatives.

Added March 05, 2014

Type: **Monograph**

The Chinese People's Liberation Army and Information Warfare

Authored by Dr. Larry M. Wortzel.

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The Chinese government plans to establish a new air defense intercept zone which will include the Diaoyu or Senkaku Islands, sovereignty over which is disputed by Japan, China, and Taiwan. Due to complaints of cyber penetrations attributed to the Chinese People's Liberation Army, U.S. Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, and State are devising new means to protect intellectual property and secrets from the PLA's computer network operations.

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Type: **Article**

Op-Ed: Not Your Grandfather's Insurgency — Criminal, Spiritual, and

Plutocratic

Authored by Dr. Robert J. Bunker.

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Type: **Book**

Senior Officer Talent Management: Fostering Institutional Adaptability

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